

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: February 20, 2020

Beeper

The Public Works & Development Director, Faye Stewart, will be on KNND's Beeper Show, Monday, February 24, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:00 am

Trees, Trees, Trees – Get Your Free Trees

The first of three tree give-a-way dates is Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 am to noon in Coiner Park. Residents of the City are invited to stop by and pick up a free tree to help replace trees lost to the snow storm last year. There are a variety of trees to choose from. To receive a tree you must provide proof of residency within the City limits. The City will have over 300 trees to give-a-way. As long as supplies last, additional dates to pick up trees may be February 29th and March 7th.

Youth Advisory Council Visits the Legislature

Members of the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council traveled to Salem on Monday to visit the Legislature. At the Capitol they got to visit with Senator Prozanski, Representative Hayden and the League of Oregon Cities Legislative Director, Jim McCauley.



Small Cities Managers

The City Manager hosted a meeting of the Lane County small cities managers on Thursday. The managers discussed efforts that are underway to expand broadband services and to address housing, specifically multi-family housing.

Row River Trail

The City Manager and Public Works & Development Director met with representatives from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to discuss the Row River Trail. The City is working on placing an additional bicycle "Fix-it" station and several Oregon Film Trail signs along the trail in the BLM

portion of the trail. They discussed the process and information needed to approve the installation. They also discussed future improvements and maintenance of the trail.

Hillside Drive Water Main Break

Late Tuesday afternoon an eight inch water main at the intersection at East Taylor Avenue and Hillside Drive was damaged during a utility boring. The break released water down Taylor Avenue at a rate of 2,600 gallons per minute. It took four hours to repair the broken line and restore the water service to all the homes east of I-5. The contractor called for locates before boring and the City marked the old abandoned line believing it was the only one in that location failing to mark the new line. A big thank you goes out to the contractor for helping to stabilize the site and the City Utilities Crew for making the repair and restoring the water service.

Mandy Biehler Achieves HR Professional Certification

Last Friday, the City's HR Specialist, Mandy Biehler, received SHRM-CP certification by completing and successfully passing the Society of Human Resource Management Certified Professional certification test. In preparation for the certification, Mandy attended a 12-week course at Lane Community College and prepared for the exam for four months. The certification will add to her experience and increase her skill level in HR. We congratulate Mandy on her accomplishment.

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) offers certification and is valuable to an organization as it demonstrates not only knowledge but how to apply that knowledge in scenarios modeled on real-life occurrences involving HR professionals. Certifications are a way for HR professionals to show that their qualifications go beyond minimum job requirements.

Each exam is four hours long and is comprised of 160 total questions – 95 knowledge questions and 65 situational judgment questions. The exams are researched using global employers and business leaders, so the credentials reflect the skills and knowledge needed to be a leader in the HR field.

Coffee With a Cop

On Thursday, February 20th, members of the Police Department co-hosted their third Coffee with a Cop event with McDonald's located at 1520 Gateway. McDonald's provided free coffee and cookies for citizens and the department. It is a great opportunity to interact with officers and citizens in a more casual way. There are plans to host more Coffee with a Cop events in the future.



Quote of the Week

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

~Helen Keller~